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Explanation, and short History, of TONTINES.

THE Edict lately published by the Court of France, for creating Annuities by Way of *Tontine*, has occasioned a great Enquiry into the Meaning and Rise of that Phrase; which, I am told, is not to be found in some of the best French Dictionaries; and indeed I do not wonder at it, since it is than a cant Term, derived from the Name of Projector. This was one Lawrence Tonti, a an by Birth, and a Creature of Cardinal Maza- who finding the People extremely out of Hu- ith his Eminency's Administration, took it into d, that he could reconcile them by a Proposal of People rich in an Instant, without Trouble or is Scheme was a Lottery of Annuities, with Sur- ; which he proposed in 1653, with the Con- the Court; but the Parliament would not regi- Edict. Three Years after, he brought his Pro- n upon the Carpet, for building a Stone Bridge Sicne; and then it had not only the Favour of rt, but the Sanction of the Parliament, under e of *Blanque Royale*, but it failed again; for dy having given it the unlucky Name of *Tontine*, s not a Soul in Paris would trust his Money in y that had an Italian Title. The last Attempt r Lawrence Tonti made, was to get his Pro- e use of by the Clergy, for paying their Debts; it had laid a long Time before *the Assembly*, orted, that it was indeed very fine, and very in- but withal, not fit for their Purpose. Such lovention of the Name and Thing; let us now en it first came into Use.

Lewis XIV. found himself distress'd by the f Augsbourg, and wanted Money beyond what enues of his Kingdom would furnish, for sup- e mighty Expence into which he had launch'd, ecourse to the Projects of Tonti; which, tho' aside, were not wholly forgot; and by an Edict cember 2, 1689, created a Tontine Royale of o Livres annual Rent, divided into Fourteen The Actions were 300 Livres a-piece, and the rs were to receive Ten per Cent. with the Be- Survivorship in every Class. This Scheme was but very imperfectly; for none of the Classes above 25,000 Livres, instead of 100,000, ac- to their original Constitution; and the An- ere very regularly paid.

Years after, the People seem'd to be in a better , with respect to Projects of this Nature; and another Tontine was open'd upon pretty near e Terms with the former; but this, after all, r above half full, tho' the Annuities were re- aid, and they both subsisted in the Year 1726, the Close of which Year, the French King, now united the 13th Class of the first Tontine, with Class of the Second; all the Actions of which, ually possessed by Charlotta Bonnemay, Widow Barbier, a Surgeon of Paris, who died at the 96.

Gentlewoman had been an Adventurer in both ner, and had put in 300 Livres in each. Her e intitled her to all the Annuities in the two efore mentioned; so that in the last Year of she received 73,500 Livres for her Annuity; ke it plainer to the English Reader, about 3600 l. for about 30 l. The Nature of the Tontine is re is an Annuity after a certain Rate of Interest, to a Number of People, divided into Classes, g to their respective Ages; so that annually the und of each Class is divided among the Survi- that Class; till at last it falls to one, and upon action of that Life, reverts to the Power by the Tontine was erected, and which became Security for the due Payment of the Annuities.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

December 1. As soon as the combined Army ia had passed the Elbe, the King of Prussia sent o General Einsidel, the Governor of Prague, to Gates of that Town; in such a manner however, ple might go into it, but not come out again. der was brought to Prague the 20th of Novem- the next Day another came from his Majesty, for the Garison to evacuate that Town, after having first or all nailed up the Cannon, and spoiled the rest of the Arms which were in the Arsenal there. This was executed in a Hurry, and privately, and it is reckoned, that, upon this Occasion, above 20,000 Pieces of all Sorts of Arms were broken. The Powder for the Cannon, and other Warlike Stores, were thrown into the Moldau; and, at the same Time, the Prussians set fire to two Mines, which did not, however, do much Damage. Upon the 26th the Garison began to march out of the Town, taking the Road by Turzko and Welwarn, towards Melnick; some Hungarians thereupon took Possession of it, whilst others, together with some Austrian Hussars, pursued the Rear of the Prussians as far as Podelebe. These last were to arrive either Yesterday or this Day at Leutmeritz; from whence, according to some Advices, they are to direct their March by Turnau, Traustenau, and Braunau, towards Silesia. By some Accounts, they amount to 7000 Men; but others assure that their Number is nothing near so considerable. Of the Sick and Wounded, who were at Prague at the Time of the Retreat of the Prussians, only those were taken with them who were least ill; the others being left behind in that Town.

Brussels, December 9. A Courier arrived here Yesterday from Prince Charles, who says, that he passed through Prague the 2d Instant, where 2000 Prussians were made Prisoners a Day or two before; that the remaining Part of that Garison, amounting to about 8000 Men, were fled towards Leuthmaritz, without Order, Provisions, or Ammunition; having first nailed up both the Austrian and Prussian Artillery, and plundered about 200 of the principal Inhabitants of that City; and that several Irregular Troops had been detached after them.

HOME PORTS.

Portsmouth, December 2, This Morning came to Spithead the Fleet under the Command of Commodore Long, from the Streights, last from Portland Road; and two Dutch Storeships, with Necessaries for the Dutch Ships at Spithead.

Dover, December 3. Wind E. N. E. and blows hard. Yesterday, after Post, came down, and sailed, the St. Lawrence, Capt. Francisco de Santo, for Lisbon.

Deal, December 3. Wind N. E. by N. and blows hard. Remain in the Downs the Anglesea Man of War, and the Outward-bound as per last. Just drove on Shore near Walmore Castle, the Polly, Rignton, for Madeira.

Gravesend, December 3. Passed by the General de Sack, Blanck, from Steten; the Endeavour, Carr, from Ramsgate; the Quince and Taunton, Russel, from Petersburgh; the Dorothy, Wetherdon, from Amsterdam; the Gloucester, Hester, and the Neptune, Gouger, from Narva; the St. Peter, Hilks, and the Charity, Olus, both from Hamburgh.

LONDON.

Several Ships from London, bound for Virginia, were spoke with by the Prince William, arrived at Whitehaven the 22d of October, 50 Leagues to the Eastward of the Capes; they had lost their Convoy.

The Philadelphia, Howston, from Philadelphia for London, was spoke with by the Vernon, Capt. Langton, arrived at Whitehaven, in Lat. 44: Long. 43: going North about.

We are assured, that the Six large French Ships, who were in Boulogne Road, are all gone from thence; two of them North about for the West Indies; three of them to St. Malo's, and the other to Havre de Grace.

Yesterday a Presentation passed the Great Seal, to enable Philip Lernoult, M. A. to hold the Rectory of St. John Horselydown, in the Borough of Southwark, and Diocese of Winchester.

Also a Perpetuity to the Master, Fellows, and Scholars of Pembroke College, in the University of Oxford, and their Heirs and Successors, for ever, to hold in Mortmain any Lands, Tenements, &c. not exceeding the yearly Value of 500 l. over and above what they are already possessed of.

Yesterday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes in the State Lottery; viz. 54,642, 500 l. 33,226, 45,750, 39,475, 51,219, 5772, 100 l. each.

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BANKRUPTS.

John Wood, of Ropemakers Alley, near Moorfields, in the County of Middlesex, Weaver.

William Mitchinson, of the Parish of St. Luke, in the County of Middlesex, Grocer, Blue-maker, and Chapman.

High Water this Day at London-Bridge.	Morning	11 08	Evening	11 39

Bank Stock, 144 5-8ths to 1-half. India, 185. South Sea, 112. Old Annuity, 111 3-8ths. New ditto, 112. Three per Cent. 93. Ditto 1743, 93. Ditto 1744, 93 1-4th. Seven per Cent. Loan. Nothing done. Five per Cent. ditto, 74. Royal Assurance, 86. London Assurance, 11 1-4th. India Bonds, 2 l. 10 s. to 11 s. Bank Circulation, 2 l. 5 s. Salt Tallies, Nothing done. Three 1-half per Cent. Exchequer Orders, 100. Three per Cent. ditto, Nothing done. Million Bank, 116. Equivalent, 110. Tickets, 12 l. 5 s. to 8 s.

Admiralty-Office, December 1, 1744.

WHereas *several Seamen belonging to his Majesty's Ship the Anglesea, in the Downs, who came up the River Thames in the room of Prest Men, have not returned to their Duty, notwithstanding the Leave given them is expired, and that Ship being ordered to proceed directly to Spithead; The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, do hereby strictly direct the aforesaid Seamen to repair immediately down to Portsmouth, and apply there to Vice-Admiral Steuart, who will send them on board the Anglesea; but in case they do not repair to Portsmouth accordingly, they will not only lose the Wages due to them for the Anglesea, but the Marshal of the Admiralty will be directed to apprehend them, in order to their being tried at a Court Martial as Deserters.*

Thomas Corbett.

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27 Oak Plank.
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